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MY POINT OF VIEW

A WARM WELCOME to Bill Dodgin and his Northampton Town side, for what I hope to be an open match tonight. One of Bill's ideas on football has always been all-out

attack, sometimes it comes unstuck as it may done when they lost 0-8 at Lincoln City recently. However on the credit side, they have also won three away games.

Bradford

Saturday's defeat by Bradford City was a bitter pill to swallow, but the truth of the matter was we didn't play at all well, and, even though we had majority of possession in the second half, I never felt confident we were going to get through. It was particularly bad day for Billy Urquhart and Alex Cribley to be making their home debuts, but they came through reasonably well and I hope they get a lot more assistance

tonight. However, it takes time to settle and I trust you will afford both players the time needed.

Steve McAdam

Tonight sees the debut of Steve McAdam, who is on a month's trial period with us. Steve, who made the Burnley first team at the end of last season, left Turf Moor after a contract disagreement and has since been to Barnsley. He is keen to get settled with the club and hopes he can fill the position left vacant by the injury to Brian Kettle.

Enjoy tonight's game.

Ian McNeill

Front cover photo: Newcomer Billy Urquhart blasts in a shot at the Bradford City goal.

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GREAT NAMES FROM THE PAST

BY HAROLD ASHURST

A BIG talking point among Latics fans when they get together and discuss old teams centres around who was the best goalkeeper seen at Springfield Park in Wigan Athletic colours. Bert Lomas, from the famous cup side which did battle with Newcastle United is mentioned; many rate Dave Gaskell, the former Manchester United goalkeeper, who was at Wigan in the late sixties for a short spell; others name Dennis Reeves, who kept goal after Gaskell; but there is no doubt that one of the best, if not the best of all, was local lad Harry Sharratt.

Harry was signed in 1948 as an amateur and

he kept his amateur status throughout his career. Wigan were just one of many clubs who tried to persuade Harry to turn professional, but he resisted all temptation because he wanted to remain a schoolteacher and also play for England at amateur level. He fulfilled both ambitions. Harry stayed with Latics "on and off" for about three seasons, but, in the meantime, he had spells with the then top amateur club in the North East of England — Bishop Auckland. It was while playing for "The Bishops" that he was capped for England.

A big lad, but never heavy, Harry was as good an all-round goalkeeper that you could get. It was difficult to point to a weakness. Never spectacular, Harry was strong on crosses, always alert for the long shot, quite agile, and even the stronger physical challenges dished out to goalkeepers by strikers in those days never put him off.

The club that got nearest to signing Harry Sharratt on full-time professional forms was Sheffield Wednesday, for whom he had trials. But in the end, not even the illustrious "Owls" could tempt him away from fulfilling his ambition to pull on an England shirt.

Today, Harry lives in Ingleton and remains a schoolteacher. Just occasionally he makes the short journey down the M6 to watch the present-day Wigan Athletic playing at the level he himself decided not to play at, when a footballer's life offered less security than it does nowadays.

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by Fred Eyre

IN MY FINAL year as a player at Southport, I had in front of me on the left-hand side of midfield, a little Scouse kid who obviously loved the game of football. He loved it so much that wherever the ball went, he felt he had to follow it. After each game, I told him he was like "a dog after a motor bike," and that his constant wanderings were killing off an old man like me. He was always full of apologies and promised to be more disciplined the next game. He was always

true to his word... for the first thirty seconds and then he would be off chattering to everyone on the field in pursuit of the ball. If it was kicked out of the ground he would go and fetch it, but even though he used to infuriate me and probably took three seasons off my playing life, I loved the lad and as soon as I took over at Wigan Athletic I rang him at home in Liverpool, and asked Brian Freeman to join me. He was thrilled to come to Springfield Park, but I told him there was no chance of him covering every blade of grass as he used to, because, even though he had never played there before, I said I intended playing him at leftback. He has been there ever since, and was generally recognised as the best leftback in the Lancashire League in the ensuing two seasons. Last season he had the misfortune to sustain a serious leg injury whilst playing in Germany, but has bounced back as good as ever, and he is now captain of my team. His infectious spirit and genuine love of the game make "Pop" Freeman, as he is called by everyone, a great inspiration to the team.

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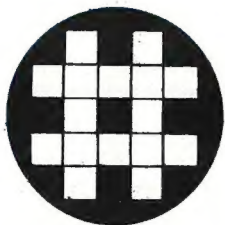


PASTIME-FUNTIME

ON THE BALL No. 13

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you must decide where the rest must go.

Crystal Palace's bird; Colour of Notts County; --- Seacole; USA name for 'team manager'



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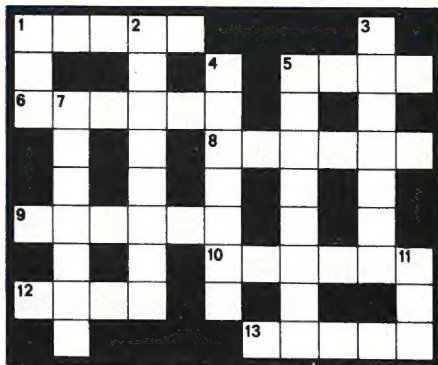
CLUB CLUE No. 13

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

They have a fresh form of defence.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 13

Rearrange the letters in each of the words **WILTON** and **TALLOW** to find two results.



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 12 (compiled by David Pack)

ACROSS

1. Montrose are located at --- Park (5)
5. England's last appearance in a World Cup finals series was here in 1970 against West Germany (4)
6. Within the last couple of years players in Spain and Greece have staged one (6)
8. Old Blackburn, Everton and Burnley back for whom 5ac was his last England cap (6)
9. Brian --- made his only England appearance (as a substitute) in 1975 (6)
10. Players' passageway (6)
12. Flamboyant old Portsmouth manager Jack --- used to wear 'lucky spats' (4)
13. Drinkell or Dillon (5)

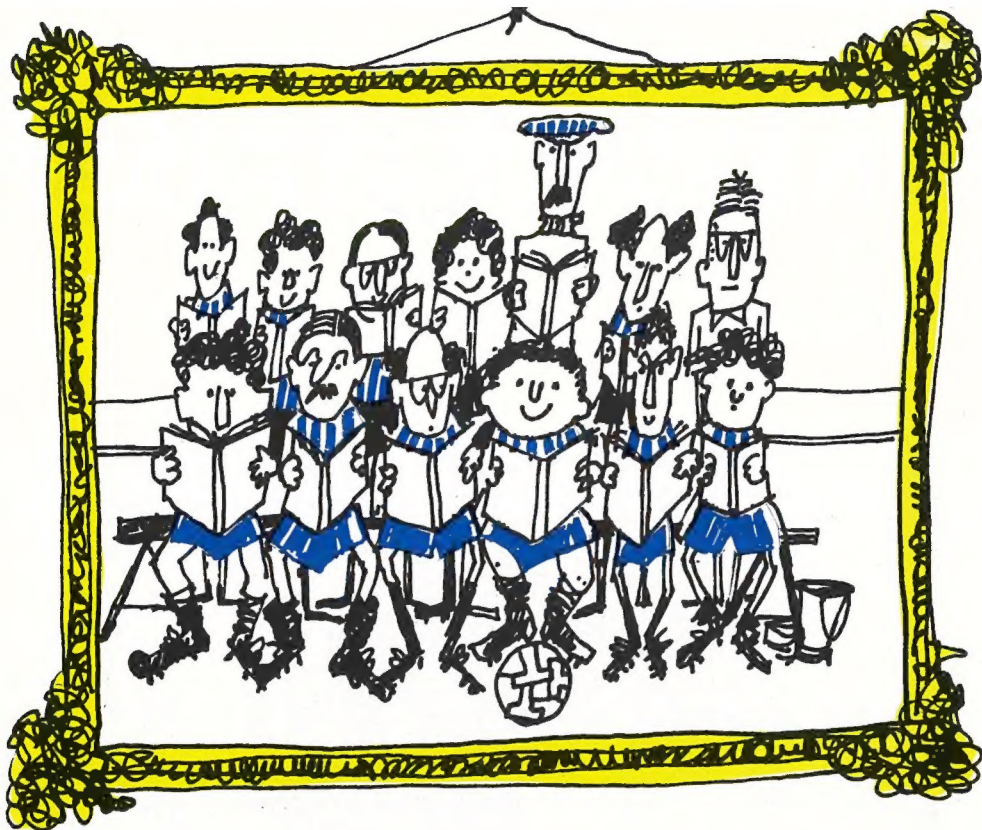
DOWN

1. & 5dn. Tall striker who has been one of Torquay's chief goal-getters over the last two seasons (3,8)
2. He won promotion last season in his first year as a manager (8)
3. German club from which Belgian international Van Gool came to Coventry (7)
4. Last season both Manchester City and Norwich featured a different Dave --- (7)
5. See 1dn
7. Country that made its first appearance in a World Cup finals when it competed in Argentina (7)
11. Old Spurs centre-forward: --- Duquemin (3)

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Answers on Page 22





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LEFT:

Young Mike Quinn prepares to put in his shot at the Bradford City goal.

BELOW:

Despite the close attention of a defender, Billy Urquhart slips out a neat pass to the wing.

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ONE MATTER discussed at the recent Football League Seminar in Solihull was the launching of an Exclusive Football League Executive Club, to which both male and female supporters could subscribe. Membership, for the time being, will be restricted and the first year's operation will commence with effect from 1st January, 1981. The cost is £50 per person inclusive of V.A.T.

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You will recall that a little while ago I commented on the

special effort by a group of supporters in selling raffle tickets for a football autographed by our players. Tonight, prior to the kick-off, a presentation of the £100 raised will be made. To John Duffy, Billy Culshaw, Frank Lewis, Harry Street, Gary McNamara, Valerie Gibson, and other helpers, we express the club's appreciation of their practical demonstration of support.

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Enjoy tonight's game.

Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager.



Springfield Park, Wigan. 10th November, 1980.

Dear Readers,

This week's contribution to Letterbox acts as something of an appetiser for our First Round F.A. Cup tie to be played against Chesterfield at Springfield Park on Saturday, 22nd November, 1980.

Mr. Thompson's letter is very timely and he fully deserves his complimentary ticket for the Scunthorpe United game to be played on 6th December, 1980.

All best wishes,

Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager.

5, St. Marks Ave., Newtown, Wigan. 6th November, 1980.

Dear Sir,

Following the F.A. Cup draw against Chesterfield, I wonder whether spectators would be interested in details of the last time Wigan Athletic played Chesterfield. It was a pre-season friendly in August, 1974, played at Saltergate. The two teams were:- Chesterfield — Tingay, Ken Tiler, Burton, McHale, Scott, Phelan, Wilson, Moss, Kowalski, Bellamy, Bentley. Subs. McGill and Holmes. Wigan Athletic:- Reeves, Morris, Sutherland, Gillibrand, Molyneux, Brian Tiler, Clements, Wright, Garrett, King, Worswick. Subs. Braithwaite and Baker.

Brian Tiler had just taken over as manager and Wigan won 1-0, thanks to an 84th minute goal by Billy Sutherland.

Chesterfield's next game was at home to Grimsby Town in the Football League Cup; Wigan Athletic was away to Rossendale United in the Ashworth Trophy!! (This was the year of the Shrewsbury Town and Mansfield F.A. Cup ties).

The Northern Premier League season started the following week at Northwich Victoria, minus a certain John King, who was under 21 day suspension imposed in the previous season.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Neil Thompson.

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OUR VISITORS



NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB — 1980-1981 (Left to Right) **Back Row:** Keith Williams, Mark Heeley, Peter Denyer, Gary Saxby, Paul Saunders, Gary Sargent, **Middle Row:** Denis Byatt, Wakeley Gage, Keith Bowen, Paul Overton, Andy Poole, Kevin Farmer, Peter Cooke, Phil Sandercock, **Front Row:** Bill Harvey (Trainer), Ricky Walker, Adam Sandy, Gary Leonard, Steve Corcoran, Des Waldoock, Clive Walker

THIS evening we are pleased to welcome the Northampton Town Football Club to Springfield Park, for yet another game on which so much rides for both teams. While Wigan Athletic still seek anxiously to put together a sequence of results which will take them rapidly up the League table, 'The Cobblers' are looking to narrow the gap between themselves and the teams who have already gained twenty points and are pushing for promotion.

Apart from the game at Northampton, in our first season in League Football, when the game was a rather free-scoring, open encounter, other clashes between Wigan Athletic and Northampton Town have been dour and closely-fought. All the indications are that tonight's game is likely to be another difficult game for both sets of players, who will be anxious to avoid making mistakes which could cost their side the game. An early goal, however, could open things up and provide the excellent football of which both sides are well capable on their day.

Welcome then to the directors,

management staff and supporters of the Northampton Town Football Club. We look forward to a competitive game and our return visit to the County Ground in the New Year.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS SEASON 1978-1979

28th Oct. 1978	Wigan Ath: 2 Northampton Town: 0 H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 6,264 Scorers: Wigan Ath. Purdie (2), Northampton Town: —
10th Mar. 1979	Northampton Town: 2 Wigan Ath: 4 H.T. Score 1-3 Att. 2,275 Scorers: Northampton Town: Froggatt, Bryan. Wigan Ath: Brownbill (2), Purdie, Corrigan

SEASON 1979-1980

1st Dec. 1979	Wigan Ath: 0 Northampton Town: 0 H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 6,158 Northampton Town: 1 Wigan Ath: 1
19th Apr. 1980	H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 2,378 Scorers: Northampton Town: Sargent Wigan Ath: Shearer.

PEN PICTURE

ANDY POOLE — 6' 6". Weight 12st. 2lbs. He was an Apprentice at Northampton Town before moving to Wigan Athletic in 1978-1979. Since his debut just over a year ago, he has established himself in the first team, and to date has made 10 first team appearances.

PAUL OVERTON — Height 6' 1". Weight 11st. 12lbs. Soham, Cambs. Was in the first team last close season from Peterborough. Paul was previously with Wigan Athletic, where he made one first team appearance.

PAUL SAUNDERS — Height 5' 9". Weight 11st. 12lbs. Watford. Previously in the first team at Watford and was secured by Northampton in 1978. Has made over 10 first team appearances in the last season. He has scored one goal.

RICKY WALKER — Height 5' 9". Weight 11st. 12lbs. Northampton. Was in the first team at Coventry City and Northampton at the end of the 1978/79 season. He has made 10 first team appearances in the first two seasons.

DENNIS BYATT — Height 5' 11". Weight 12st. 12lbs. Hillingdon, Middlesex. Previous experience at Fulham and Peterborough. He joined Northampton from Peterborough in the close season 1979 in which he made 10 appearances, including Gary Sargent's goal. He moved to Northampton in the close season 1979 in which he made 10 appearances, and scored 1 goal. **PHIL SANDERCOCK** — Height 5' 10". Weight 11st. 12lbs. Huddersfield. Joined Huddersfield Town in 1979. He started his career with Huddersfield, where he made 10 appearances, and he has made 10 appearances during two seasons at Huddersfield. He has made 10 appearances for Northampton.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN

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1921-1958 Member of Third Division

1958-1963 Member of Fourth, then Third Division

1963-1965 Member of Second Division

1965-1966 Member of First Division

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season, and has scored 2 goals.

DESMOND WALDOCK — **Defender** — Height 5' 11". Weight 11st.11lb. Born in Northampton. Signed with Northampton as an Apprentice and became a Professional in 1980. Made very rapid strides, and played 26 League games for the Club last Season as a Central Defender, and has scored 3 goals.

WAKELEY GAGE — **Defender** — Height 6' 4". Weight 13st. 7lbs. Was born in Northampton. Was signed from United Counties League team Desborough in 1979. Has quickly established himself in the first team centre-half spot. Has played 21 first team matches.

PETER COOKE — **Defender** — Height 6' 1". Weight 12st. 7lbs. Was born in Northampton. Was signed straight from College in the close season. Has made a number of appearances in the Reserves, and played regularly in the Youth team as a Registered Schoolboy with the Club.

KEITH WILLIAMS — **Midfield** — Height 5' 8". Weight 11st. 3lbs. Was born in Burtwood. He was signed from Aston Villa in 1977, and is a regular first team player.

PETER DENYER — **Midfield** — Height 5' 11". Weight 11st. 9lbs. Born in Hazelmere and joined Portsmouth from school. Was purchased by Northampton from Portsmouth. Played approximately 150 League matches for Portsmouth prior to his transfer to Northampton. Played in every League game last season and scored 5 goals.

GARY LEONARD — **Midfield** — Height 5' 8". Weight 10st.10lbs. Was born in Northampton. He signed professional for Northampton Town at the commencement of 1980, after being an Apprentice with the Club. He has already played one first team match. Gary also represented England at schoolboy level as a Rugby International.

ADAM SANDY — **Midfield** — Height 5' 10". Weight 11st. 4lbs. Born near Peterborough. He also started the 1980 season in the United Counties League with high-riding Wolverton Town. He joined Northampton as a Non-Contract player, and after 8 first team games, signed a professional contract and has made 21 first team appearances last Season.

GARY SAXBY — **Midfield** — Height 5'8". Weight 10st. 3lbs. Was born in Mansfield. He joined Mansfield Town from school, for whom he has made 20 first team appearances. He was signed by Northampton in the close season 1980.

GARY SARGENT — **Striker** — Height 5' 9". Weight 11st. Was acquired by Northampton from Peterborough in the close season 1979. Gary has previous League experience with Norwich City and Scunthorpe, and had a period with Bedford Town in the Southern League before being transferred to Peterborough, where he made 27 League appearances before being sold to Northampton, for whom he has played 38 matches and scored 4 goals.

KEVIN FARMER — **Striker** — Height 6'. Weight 12 st. Was born in Ramsgate, Kent. He was originally signed as a Defender from Leicester City in July 1979, but was switched to the attack, where he has played 32 League matches and scored 6 goals.

MAURICE MUIR — **Outside Left** — Height 5' 8". Weight 10st. 7lbs. Was born in Merton. Represented England Schoolboys on four occasions, and has already made his debut for the Club in the Scunthorpe game last Season. Was a Schoolboy with Crystal Palace before moving to Northampton in 1979.

MARK HEELEY — **Striker** — Height 5' 6". Weight 9st. 6lbs. Born in Peterborough. He was transferred from Peterborough to Arsenal for a very large fee, and represented Arsenal in 25 first League matches, including European Cup games. Was transferred from Arsenal in 1980, and has since played 8 League matches for the Club.

KEITH BOWEN — **Striker** — Non Contract Player. Height 6' 1". Weight 11st. 2lbs. Born in Northampton. Is employed full time as a 'Trainee Articled Accountant', and plays for the Club when his job permits. Although only available for 24 games in his first season, he finished as the Club's top scorer with 12 goals.

STEVE PHILLIPS — **Striker** — Height 5' 6". Weight 10st. 7lbs. Born in Edmonton. Has had previous experience with Birmingham and Brentford. Steve signs for the second time for Northampton Town, having been purchased from Brentford for a record £50,000 fee for the Club. Prolific goalscorer for Brentford where he played 167 League games, and scored 69 goals. During his first spell with Northampton was mainly a Mid-Field player, but has developed as an outstanding Striker.

DAVID CARLETON — **Midfield** — Height 6'. Weight 12st. Purchased from Brentford.



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WRITTEN QUOTATIONS ON REQUEST

GOOD EVENING, and a very warm welcome from the committee and staff of the Wigan Athletic Supporters' Club, not only to all our supporters, but also the supporters of our opponents tonight — Northampton Town.

On Wednesday, 5th November, we held our Annual General Meeting which turned out to be very amicable and informative. Unfortunately, the Chairman of the Football Club, Mr. F. Pye, had a very urgent business appointment thrust upon him at the very last moment and could not attend. However, in a telegram to the club, Mr. Pye wished us success and indicated that he would willingly come along to meet our members at any time business permitting.

The meeting was very ably chaired by the Vice Chairman, Mr. G. D. Gorner, who paid a glowing tribute to the late Peter Woods. Mr. Gorner went on to praise the endeavours of the Committee over the previous twelve months. Incidentally, the same committee were elected en-bloc for a further term without opposition — praise indeed! Guess who was elected President? No, not Ronald Reagan, but that stalwart of Wigan Athletic, Mr. Jack Farrimond, who, according to his own words has held every appointment except toilet attendant!

Tributes were also paid to Mr. Mel Lowe for his presentation of facts and figures on the finances of

the club, and to Football Club Directors Mr. B. Connolly, Mr. J. A. Eckersley and Mr. J. H. Farrimond for their help and work on behalf of the Supporters' Club.

Last, but by no means least, Mr. Gorner wished our new Steward and Stewardess Mr. and Mrs. J. Winstanley, a long and happy association with the club. It is worth noting that, as and from Monday, 10th November, Jimmy and Nellie introduced a new activity — the serving of bar snacks from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on weekdays. Why not visit the club for a quick snack and a drink at lunch-times?

Enjoy tonight's match.

J. A. Eckersley

**SUPPORTERS
CLUB NEWS**



MAKING a name for himself at Plainmoor these days, is former Scotland captain Bruce Rioch, who signed for Torquay United on his return from America. Bruce, formerly with Derby County, Birmingham City and Everton, immediately got into the scoring act for his side in their 1-1 away draw with Mansfield Town, on Saturday.

Still on the South Coast, A.F.C. Bournemouth has temporarily released second-choice goalkeeper John Smoulders in a bid to give him more match experience. Smoulders is at Trowbridge Town, but available for instant recall if necessary.

A youngster with a famous dad is trying to make a league future for himself with Doncaster Rovers, Carl Swan, son of former England and Sheffield Wednesday star Peter Swan, has joined Doncaster Rovers on a month's trial. He had previously been playing for non-league Burton Albion.

Port Vale's Paul Bowles was a delighted man on Saturday night, having scored his first goal for the club, since he made the move from Crewe

Alexandra. His goal earned his side a draw against Rochdale. And what of Rochdale? They are one of the few teams in the division without an away win, but they have five away draws to their credit from ten games.

Meanwhile, Port Vale and Bradford City have asked for permission to play their F.A. Cup First Round tie on Sunday, November 23rd, to avoid a clash with neighbours Stoke City, who meet Crystal Palace the day previously. Stockport County's recent excellent away win over Peterborough United, was so sweet for one County player — Martin Fowler, who clinched his first goal for the Edgeley Park club since moving from Blackburn Rovers. In a bid to strengthen his defence, Rochdale manager Peter Madden has signed Bob Higgins, the former Burnley defender, on a month's trial.

Leading goalscorers to date: Jim Lumby (Tranmere Rovers) 17, Rob Cooke (Peterborough United) 14, Gordon Hobson (Lincoln City) 14, Derek Spence (Southend) 14.



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PLAYER

David Anthony Glenn
(Striker)

Birthplace: Wigan

Place of Residence: Springfield,
Wigan.

Date of Birth: 30th November 1962

Height: 5' 9"

Weight: 10st. 10lbs.

Advice to Youngsters: Enjoy football
at whatever level you play. When
you get your chance, do your best
to make the most of it.

David joined Wigan Athletic as an
apprentice professional, after
starring in local Schools' Football.
He made his full League debut
against York City on the 29th
October, 1980, after two
appearances as substitute earlier in
the season. To date, he has made
four Football League appearances,
to add to his two outings as
substitute.



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SCENE & HEARD

NOW THAT the dust has settled on the recent meeting at Solihull involving the Chairmen of Football League clubs, our departments within the club are receiving, almost every other day, circulars from bodies within and without the game, searching out information which might be useful in translating current thinking into positive future action. It would indeed be foolhardy for any club to totally change its method of operation, without first testing the opinions of all those who contribute to the life of the club, whether director, manager, staff member or supporter.

Take, for instance, the question as to whether it would be more advantageous to play games on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon, or Sunday afternoon. Although it could be argued that Third and Fourth Division clubs close to the big city sides might benefit from avoiding Saturday clashes with the likes of Manchester City and Manchester United, or Liverpool and Everton, that is only part of the story.

After a hard week's work, the working man is often only too delighted to put his feet up on Friday evening and relax, while Sunday, for many, is the day when little household chores left from mid-week can be tackled, and when the family, as a unit, can get together and share in some activity. It is also worth considering that few old people and youngsters are likely to venture out for a Friday evening game played in the depths of winter, when conditions on the terraces are often arctic. On Sundays, public transport, even between the

larger conurbations, is at best a skeleton service, and the lack of availability could well deprive clubs of much needed support. Add to this, current regulations on Sunday trading and Lord's Day observance and we have a far more complex situation emerging.

There is little doubt that everyone within the game will get ample opportunity to air particular views held, but we would be interested to learn whether you, the supporter, a most vital consideration, would welcome a chance to have your say. The "Oldham Evening Chronicle" has already contacted our club suggesting that a referendum of supporters would be a most valuable aid to the Football League in helping to formulate proposals to help soccer in these difficult times. Should you have any strong feelings about this matter, please write to "Football for the Future", c/o Commercial Department, Wigan Athletic Football Club, Springfield Park, Wigan. In due course, we will comment again on this item.

YOU, THE SUPPORTER WHO PAYS HIS MONEY AT THE TURNSTILE AND WHO BACKS THE VITAL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, HAVE THE CHANCE TO STATE YOUR OPINIONS AND GET THEM ACROSS TO THOSE WHO WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING THE DECISIONS FOR THE GAME WE ALL LOVE. YOU ARE THE LIFE-BLOOD OF FOOTBALL AND YOUR VOICE SHOULD BE HEARD. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

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The Chairman's Column

This evening, I am pleased to welcome Northampton Town Football Club, its directors, management, staff and supporters to Springfield Park. To make the long journey from Northampton to Wigan on a cold November evening deserves recognition. It is to be hoped that both clubs, and the spectators, will feel that the effort made to stage tonight's fixture has been well worthwhile. We look forward to an interesting and competitive game.

To say that I am bitterly disappointed about the playing side of our activities is the understatement of the year. The Board of Directors, as a unit, is shattered by the way in which things seem to be going so terribly wrong out on the pitch. Every effort has been made to maintain stability within the club, and most things seem to be progressing satisfactorily, but the ninety minutes on the field is where we are really failing to put things together. I can only make it quite clear to the spectators that I am very, very concerned, and I am as aware of the general feeling of dissatisfaction as the man on the terraces would wish me to be. Our 5,000 loyal supporters are looking for an improvement; the club is looking for a change for the better, and I can promise you that we are all looking to reward your patient support as quickly as possible.

Without making excuses, the club is bound to feel the effect of injuries to such stalwarts as John Brown, Frank Corrigan, Neil Davids, Peter Houghton, Brian Kettle and, let us not forget him, Noel Ward. The departure of Tommy Gore, Joe Hinnigan and Maurice Whittle has deprived the club of three players of experience, and it takes time to blend new players into the scheme of things. You will have read that Jeff Wright has applied for a transfer, and this, as with all team decisions, will rest with the manager. To Ian's critics, I would reply that we have had two seasons when the club has been so near to gaining promotion to the Third Division, and I would ask that everyone should bear in mind that football is a funny game, where one year you can be at the top of the tree, yet the next year, with almost the same playing staff you can find yourself struggling. Please continue to support our efforts; your patience will eventually be rewarded.

As a post-script to last Saturday's game with Bradford City, I know you will be delighted to learn that Mr. Jim Anderton and his colleague Mr. Don Elliott, had a most enjoyable visit to Springfield Park. To round off the proceedings long serving Jack Farrimond, on behalf of the Football Club, presented the Chief Constable of the Greater Manchester Police Force with a replica miner's lamp. By a strange coincidence Jack Farrimond's father had once been a mining colleague of Jim Anderton's father. Our relationship with the local police continues to flourish, and we would like to extend our sympathy to the Wigan Metropolitan Force on the recent loss of their colleague W.P.C. Debbie Nicholson of Pemberton. It is sad when one so young leaves life so suddenly. Enjoy tonight's game.

Yours sincerely,

Freddie Pye.

Chairman.

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Town**
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3 Phil Sandercock

4 Des Waldock

5 Dennis Byatt

6 Adam Sandy

7 David Carlton

8 Peter Denver

9 Steve Phillips

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refereed England v. Finland
Under-21, Wales v. Scotland
Under-21, France v. Luxem-
bourg in 1979 and Cyprus v.
Spain in 1980. He is a married
man with two boys and works
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interests are gardening and
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